

**DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**OCTOBER 29, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MARY ELLARD, CHAIRPERSON**  
**DR. SARAH ROSENBERG-SCOTT, VICE CHAIRPERSON**  
**LEANNE JASSET, MEMBER**  
**CATHERINE CARDINALE, HEALTH DIRECTOR**  
**JOAN CONWAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

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Mary called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The first order of business is to accept the minutes of September 17, 2014. Leanne motioned to accept the minutes Dr. Rosenberg-Scott seconded Mary asked all in favor aye opposed none. Minutes accepted. Mary asked if anyone was present to make an open comment. Hannah Heald of the Dedham Times said it bothered her every time she hears on NPR that CVS is healthy now and going to help people stop smoking. No one knows what this board went through and I was so proud that you were able to do it so quickly and in agreement with each other and good arguments. CVS should have to acknowledge that they were forced by the Dedham Board of Health to stop selling tobacco products and thank the people who forced them to do it. Dr. Scott suggested an editorial by Hannah. I may ask Dr. Winicoff to write it.

**75 Mc Kinley Avenue Variance Request**

Cathy said you all have copies of the most recent estimates one is for the septic system the other two estimates are for the sewer system. The October 22<sup>nd</sup> estimate is for a septic system. There have been no perk tests. The October 6<sup>th</sup> one is for a sewer connection as well as the August 18<sup>th</sup> is also for a sewer connection there is a big difference in the prices.

Mary asked Mr. Lawson if he or his son had any further comments to which they replied no.

Mary asked what the boards' history of variances or set-backs has been. Cathy replied that in the 20 years she has been with the department they have not written a variance for sewer to septic. Mr. Lawson believes that there was a variance given to a property on 383 Monroe Street which has been renamed Taft Lane. Mary said she remembered the Monroe property and Frank Scurti, the former health director, told them they had to tie into the sewer system.

Mr. Lawson believes they installed a septic system we will review the minutes to see if a variance was granted. Mary said the total cost to connect to sewer will be between \$33 and \$42 thousand dollar; Mr. Lawson said that was correct. Cathy said if there is a septic system in place at the Monroe address we have no information on it. Mary recalls that there was a system on Monroe that failed and they were ordered to tie into the town sewer system because it is right there.

A discussion continued about the cost of sewerage connection and about whether the Monroe property was on septic or sewerage. Cathy said she did contact DEP; Department of Environmental Protection for which there is no regulation for distance to connect it is a Town regulation. Mary said the regulations were to eliminate the septic systems. and it would increase the value of the property.

After more discussion about topography and whether there was septic at Monroe St. or not Mary felt she was not ready to make a decision at this time and will talk to the Engineering Department and research this property and the minutes for any variances for septic.

Leanne suggested Mr. Lawson, senior, look into any relief out there for a senior citizen for help not necessarily the town, but, perhaps there may be state help. He should check with the Executive Office of Elder affairs or even the local council on aging to make it less cost prohibitive. Mr. Lawson will look into it.

Dr. Scott made a motion regarding 75 McKinley Avenue to take the issue under advisements until we have more information from the town engineering department about the connection options and the property on Taft/Monroe St. Leanne seconded the motion all in favor aye opposed none.

#### **Directors Report**

Dr. Scott asked about the rabies test. Cathy said a small dog was playing and there was a skunk under a shed they don't know if the dog had contact with it but when animal control trying to get under a porch and there was a skunk under it. Animal Control took the skunk for testing and it was rabid the dog is under a 45 day quarantine.

Mary asked where the perk tests being done and Cathy said Country Club Road percent 1. Dr. Scott asked if this area meets the regulation that there is no sewer available or they are too far away to connect. Cathy said there is no sewer in the area.

Cathy said the condemnation for the house on Greensboro Road has been lifted. I received a call out for a property at 362 East Street for an inspection it will be another condemnation.

Shake Shack and Papa John's Pizza are coming to Town. Shake Shack at Legacy Place and Papa John's at Washington Street.

#### **Ebola Education**

We are doing conference calls one to two times a week with the Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control. Leanne asked if there is any protocol for the department to follow Cathy said EMS and Fallon. Dr. Scott asked who was overseeing there

preparedness? Cathy said Fallon is by DPH and CDC. All guidance is coming from CDC. Fallon is doing drills for Ebola as well.

Fire Chief Spillane has been reviewing the protocol with the fire department as well. Updates are on the CDC web site.

The flu clinic went very well we had 285 plus attendees. We are hoping to do another clinic on November 12<sup>th</sup>. From 6-8 p.m. it is a Wednesday evening at town hall.

Cathy and Lee went to the MHOA conference on the cape to get our credits and CEU'S and it was a fantastic seminar. Mr. Matt Damien from Wicked Sober and John Madleman who wrote a book called "Shadow of an Addict" it is a book of poetry it was very impressive.

I am wondering if anyone has reached out to you about the lateral gas pipeline through West Roxbury and Dedham. I want to make sure you have information on it I have had a call and two e-mails on it. There was a meeting in West Roxbury on it being stopped. Leanne asked where Dedham fits in. Mary said it was on Route 1 near staples and cutting across the soccer field so not to disrupt the new bridge construction and then possibly Washington Street to Centre Street in West Roxbury; because it is not going up Route 1. It will impact the health and safety of the community. The town of Deerfield called the project an unreasonable risk to the lives and residents of Deerfield. Leanne asked what can our board do to stop it do we have the power to stop it. Cathy said Deerfield quoted Mass General Law Chapter 111 Section 143 that no trade or employment that may result in a nescience or be harmful to the environment or the public health or which may be injurious to the estates of others or which may be attended by noise, orders may be established or operated in the town; except in a location that may be assigned by the Board of Health after public hearing. I am sure this will be the Selectmen and the Board of Health issue. Dr. Scott felt she would like to see more information on this and the concerns to health etc. If someone wants to come and do a presentation for us it would be the best way to get the information on this issue. Mary said maybe we should have the company Spectrum Algonquin come in and do the presentation.

David Vershad who owns Vape Daddy's he wants to open a Vape Daddy's e-cigarettes e-juice and more store. E-juice is the nicotine liquid without the nicotine. Legally we cannot deny him a tobacco permit however he asked if he could "vape" in the store and I explained vaping is not allowed inside we have passed a regulation about it. He explained he does repairs to the pipes and they need to vape to fix it. I explained that under our regulations they cannot do liquid vaping. Cathy also asked him how he could prove the vapors had no nicotine in it and he could not answer me. We could also look into putting a cap on how many tobacco permits we issue.

With no further business to discuss Dr. Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting Leanne seconded Mary asked all in favor aye opposed none meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Mary Ellard, Chairperson